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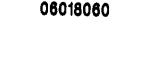
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Randstad Holding nv has been granted an exemption by the Securities and Exchange Commission from the registration requirements of Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act. In furtherance of that exemption, I enclose English language versions of all press releases filed with the Amsterdam Exchange since July 17, 2006, the date of Randstad Holding, nv's last filing with the SEC.

I trust this information is sufficient to maintain the Rule 12g3-2(b) exemption. If not, or if there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (770) 937-7114.

Very truly yours,

Steven J. Whitehead General Counsel

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#### Continued strong growth; revenue up 24% and net income up 33%

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#### Highlights second quarter 2006

- Diluted EPS\* up 36% from &euro 0.47 to &euro 0.64; the EBITA\*\* margin improved to 4.7% from
- Organic revenue growth\*\*\* amounted to 19%; organic revenue growth per working day increased to 22% compared to 20% in Q1 2006
- 62% growth in Germany; continued high organic revenue growth in Germany at 36%
- Further recovery of profitability in North America; EBITA margin doubled from 1.6% to 3.2%
- Gross margin pressure in mass-customized the Netherlands; additional measures to further increase productivity initiated
- Efficiency increased; operating expenses amounted to 16.2% of revenue compared to 17.1% in Q2 2005

#### Outlook third quarter 2006

 Diluted EPS is expected to be at least &euro 0.84, an increase of at least 31% versus the &euro 0.64 of Q3 2005

According to Ben Noteboom, CEO Randstad Holding: "For the ninth quarter in succession, we have grown by double digits and increased our market share. Much of this growth is organic, which is a testimony to the strength of our concepts. Our growth shows no signs of slowing down through the quarter. Our investments in 8% more outlets and 13% more people are paying off. Through the tireless efforts of our people, we keep reaching new clients every day. The global market for our services is developing rapidly, and given our current performance we have every reason to believe we will continue to increase our market share.'

In € million	Q2 2006	Q2 2005	% change	Ytd 2006	Yta 2005	% change
Revenue	1,988.0	1,605.4	24%	3,801.7	3,014.8	2 <del>6</del> %
Organic growth			19%			21%
Gross margin	20.8%	21.3%		20.8%	21.0%	
Operating expenses	321.9	274.4	17%	638.0	529.4	
Operating expenses as % of revenue	15.2%	17.1%		16.8%	17.6%	
EBITA **	93.6	68.4	37%	157.3	104.5	51%
EBITA margin	4.7%	4.3%	!	4.1%	3.5%	
Net income	72.2	54.1	33%	120.3	81.8	47%
In€						
Diluted EPS before amortization of other intangible assets and impairment goodwill	0.64	0.47	36%	1.07	0.71	51%

- definition: diluted EPS before amortization of other intengible assets and impairment goodwill
- EBITA: operating profit before emertization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill
- organic growth is measured excluding the impact of currency effects, acquisitions and transfers between segments

#### Summary\_of\_Group\_financial\_performance\_in\_Q2

#### Revenue

Revenue growth and underlying trends remained strong across our markets. Total revenue amounted to &euro 1,988.0 million in Q2 2006, an increase of 24% compared to Q2 2005. Organic revenue growth was 19%. Q2 2006 had on average 1.6 working days less than Q2 2005 and corrected for the lower number of working days both total revenue growth and organic revenue growth were approximately 3% higher.

In Germany revenue increased 62% and we clearly strengthened our leading position. Organic revenue

growth in Germany continued to be exceptionally strong (+36%). Revenue growth at the acquired companies Bindan and Teccon is above expectations.

Our North American business delivered 11% organic revenue growth and was well ahead of the market.

The segment interim professionals, recruitment & selection performed well. Revenue increased 76% in total and organic growth amounted to 30%. This segment now comprises 6% of total revenue versus 4% in Q2 last year. Specialty revenue amounted to 30.5% of total revenue.

Revenue growth was positively impacted by the balance of acquisitions and disposals of group companies (5%). The currency impact was negligible.

#### Gross profit

The gross margin amounted to 20.8% compared to a normalized level of 21.0% in Q2 2005. As stated last year, in Q2 2005 the gross profit included a positive one-off of around &euro 5 million or 0.3%. In general, the gross margin reflects the ongoing trend of changes in the business mix. We also continued to see price pressure in the large account segment. Corrected for last year's one-off the gross margin in The Netherlands decreased from 24.2% to 23.5%. The Dutch gross margin is impacted by mix shifts, amongst others caused by strong growth in lower margin/high productivity specialties such as payrolling and call centers and renewed contracts in the large account segment. Several initiatives have been initiated to improve gross margins. We have also taken measures to further improve productivity and to reduce relative cost levels. Compared to last year the gross margin increased amongst others in Belgium and France. At group level normalized gross profit per average FTE increased 8%.

#### Operating expenses

Operating expenses as a percentage of revenue came down to 16.2% from 17.1% in Q2 2005. This efficiency improvement was reached despite our continued investments to capture future growth. Capacity was expanded which is visible in 189 extra outlets and 1,770 additional FTEs. With that the number of outlets and corporate employees is respectively 8% and 13% higher than a year ago. The roll-out of specialty units has continued and at 518 we have passed our initial goal of 500. Total operating expenses increased by 17% from &euro 274.4 million to &euro 321.9 million. The organic increase in operating expenses was 11%.

#### **EBITA**

In the second quarter of 2006 EBITA increased by 37% to &euro 93.6 million versus &euro 68.4 million in Q2 2005. On an organic basis EBITA increased by 33%. The EBITA margin improved from 4.3% to 4.7%.

#### Net income

Net income amounted to &euro 72.2 million, an improvement of 33% compared to Q2 2005. Net finance costs, including dividend on preferred shares, amounted to &euro 2.3 million. The effective tax rate was 18.5% (Q2 2005 17%).

#### Cash flow and balance sheet

In Q2 2006 the free cash flow amounted to &euro 85.6 million negative, versus &euro 44.4 million negative in Q2 2005. The cash outflow is partly related to the normal seasonal pattern in operating working capital, which includes payments of holiday allowances in several countries. We also incurred higher tax payments in line with our tax planning. Capital expenditure was &euro 15.7 million comparable to the &euro 16.2 million of last year. The moving average of days sales outstanding (DSO) improved to 52 in Q2 2006 from 53 in Q2 2005. The net cash position excluding preferred shares was &euro 30.8 million at the end of the quarter versus &euro 59.4 million at the end of Q2 2005. In June we signed for a new &euro 650 million syndicated credit facility. We used favorable credit market circumstances to refinance early, which resulted in lower rates and more flexibility.

#### Second quarter by segment

Mass-customized Europe and Asia: strong top-line growth and investments for expansion Organic revenue growth amounted to 20%. Including our European and Asian acquisitions and transfers to inhouse, total growth amounted to 23%. Growth remained strong in the Netherlands, while our German business experienced another record quarter. The decrease in gross margin is mainly attributable to the Netherlands due to mix shifts, ongoing pressure in the large contract segment and the absence of last years &euro 5 million one-off. The latter had a positive impact on gross margin and EBITA margin of approximately 0.5% in the mass-customized segment in Q2 2005. In combination with investments in the distribution network and new services we experienced a limited decline in the EBITA margin compared to Q2 2005. We have a clear focus on improving gross margins, while productivity in the Dutch business is expected to increase in the coming quarters.

Mass-customized and in-house services North America: solid improvement in profitability

Our North American businesses outperformed the market with organic revenue growth of 11%. The majority of growth in North America is still coming from larger clients. Canada delivered another very strong performance. The sale as per 31 March 2006 of PL Services, which delivered support services to independently owned staffing companies, had a negative impact on gross margin of approximately 0.9%. Revenue growth, productivity improvements and savings implemented in 2005 were the main drivers behind the doubling of the EBITA margin from 1.6% to 3.2%.

#### In-house services Europe: 31% revenue growth and 87% growth in EBITA

Organic revenue growth was 24% in Q2 2006. Total growth was 31% including transfers from mass-customized to in-house. The number of in-house locations has grown from 446 to 491, which is the main reason behind the 10% increase in operating expenses. EBITA increased from &euro 6.1 million to &euro 11.4 million while the EBITA margin improved from 3.6% to 5.1%.

#### Interim professionals, recruitment & selection: another strong quarter

Organic revenue growth of interim professionals, recruitment & selection was 30% in Q2 2006. Including the acquisitions of Martin Ward Anderson in the UK and NL, Teccon in Germany and EmmayHR in India total revenue increased by 76% to &euro 123.4 million in Q2 2006 compared to &euro 70.2 million in Q2 2005. This segment now comprises 6% of total company revenue versus 4% in Q2 2005. The gross margin improved to 28.4% compared to 27.1% in Q2 2005. Acquisitions had a positive effect on the gross margin.

Positive gross margin developments in the existing business stemming from amongst others growing recruitment fees, lower idle time and healthy pricing, were offset by a negative effect of the lower number of working days. In several segments, such as IT, Finance and Engineering, scarcity is increasing. The EBITA margin increased to 8.3% from 7.0% in Q2 2005.

#### Other\_developments

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The Dutch government has the ambition to further reduce the Dutch corporate income tax rate, to 25.5%, as per 1 January 2007. Current rates are 29.6% for 2006 and 29.1% for 2007. The German government has announced plans to reduce the corporate income tax rate as per 1 January, 2008.

Besides reduced future tax payments, corporate tax rate reductions can have an impact on the valuation of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities. Revaluation of deferred tax assets will result in one-off charges but not have any cash impact. This would occur in case of a reduction in the corporate tax rate in Germany. Revaluation of deferred tax liabilities will lead to one off benefits in the income statement as well as reduced future tax payments. This would occur in case of a corporate tax rate reduction in the Netherlands. Each percentage point corporate tax rate reduction in the Netherlands below the current rate of 29.1% for 2007 will lead to an immediate release from our deferred tax liabilities of about &euro 10 million and a similar positive cash impact in the future.

We expect the Dutch tax reduction to be enacted in Q4 2006. If so we will record a one off release in the same quarter. With respect to the possible reduction in Germany, it is uncertain at this stage if the German plan will be enacted or how it will be financed.

Excluding the possible gain, related to the possible corporate tax rate reduction in the Netherlands, we still expect an effective tax rate in 2006 of 18.5%. For 2007 we expect the effective tax rate to be in the range of 24-26%. As communicated earlier, for 2008 and 2009 we expect the effective tax rate to be in between 20-30%. As stated in Q1 2006, the cash tax rate for 2006 is expected to be in the range of 20-25%. For the years 2007 and 2008 we expect it to remain within this range. For the period beyond 2008 we expect that the cash tax rate will approach but should not or not materially exceed the average tax rate.

#### Outlook Q3 2006

Given current market trends we expect diluted EPS before amortization of other intangibles and impairment goodwill to amount to at least &euro 0.84, an increase of at least 31% versus the &euro 0.64 of Q3 2005. Q3 2006 will have on average 1 working day less than Q3 2005.

#### Financial calendar 2006-2007

Publication third quarter results 2006

Analyst days

Publication fourth quarter and full year results 2006

Publication first quarter results 2007

General Meeting of Shareholders

Publication second quarter results 2007

October 27, 2006

November 22/23, 2006

February 15, 2007

April 25, 2007

May 8, 2007

July 25, 2007

#### Issue of ordinary shares

In the period from July 28, 2006 up to and including August 10, 2006, 60,966 ordinary shares Randstad Holding nv (nominal value &euro 0.10) will be issued and granted to the executive board members in relation to the medium term bonus system 2004-2007.

#### Conference call

Today, at 13.00 CET, Randstad Holding will host a conference call for analysts. The dial in number is +31 (0) 20 712 13 04 and for participants from the UK +44 (20) 7138 0816. You can listen to the conference through real time audio webcast. A replay of the presentation and the Q & A will also be available on our website as of today 18.00 CET. The link is: http://www.randstad.com/holding/investor-relations/presentations.xml

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Consolidated	income	statement
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	Three months ended June 30		Six months ended June 30			
In millions €	2006	2005	Change 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change 2006/2005
Revenue	1,988.0	1,605.4	24%	3,801.7	3,014.8	26%
Cost of services Gross profit	1,575.2 412.8	1,263.3 342.1	25% <u>-</u> 21%	3,011.8 789.9	2,382.3 632.5	26% 25%
Selling expenses	224.7	190.5		444.2	367.9	
General and administrative expenses  Total operating expenses	<del>97.2</del> 321.9	83.9 274.4	17%	193.8 638.0	161.5 529.4	21%
Operating profit	90.9	67.7	34%	151.9	103.1	47%
Dividend preferred shares	-1.8	-2.1		-3.6	-4.3	
Financial income and expenses  Net finance costs	-0.5 -2.3	-0.5 -2.6	-	<del>-0.7</del> -4.3	-0.3 -4.6	
Income before taxes	88.6	65.1	-	147.6	98.5	
Taxes on income	-16.4	-11.0		-27.3	-16.7	
Net income	72.2	54.1	33%	120.3	81.8	47%
Earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of Randstad Holding nv (expressed in € per ordinary share):						
- basic earnings per ordinary share	0.62	0.47		1.04	0.71	
diluted earnings per ordinary share     diluted earnings per ordinary share before	0.62	0.47		1.03	0.71	
amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill	0.64	0.47	1	1.07	0.71	
Margin						
Gross margin	20,8%	21.3%		20.8%	21.0%	
EBITDA margin	5.3%	4.9%		4.7%	4.1%	
EBITA margin	4.7%	4.3%		4.1%	3.5%	
Operating margin	4.6%	4.2%		4.0%	3.4%	
Net margin	3.6%	3.4%		3.2%	2.7%	

#### Information by segment (unaudited)

(,	Three months ended June 30							
In millions €	2006	2005	% change 2006/2005	% organic * growth	in % of revenue 2006	in % of revenue 2005		
Revenue								
Mass-customized Europe and Asia	1,322.5	1,078.3	23%	20%				
Mass-customized North America	263.1	243.8	8%	11%				
In-house services Europe	223.2	169.9	31%	24%				
In-house services North America Interim professionals, recruitment &	62.8	49.3	27%	13%				
selection	123.4	70.2	76%	30%				
Eliminations	<u>-7.0</u>	<u>-6.1</u>						
Total revenue	1,988.0	1,605.4	24%	19%				
Gross profit								
Mass-customized Europe and Asia	287. <del>9</del>	243.5	18%	15%	21.8%	22.69b		
Mass-customized North America	50.9	49.2	3%	11%	19.3%	20.2%		
In-house services Europe	31.8	24.8	28%	23%	14.2%	14,6%		
In-house services North America	7.6	5.6	36%	20%	12.1%	11,4%		
Interim professionals, recruitment &								
selection	35.0	19.0	84%	29%	28.4%	27.1%		
Eliminations	-0.4	0.0	•					
Total gross profit	412.8	342.1	21%	16%	20.8%	21.3%		
EBITA **								
Mass-customized Europe and Asia	68.5	59.4	15%	15%	5,2%	5.5%		
Mass-customized North America	7.8	3.4	129%	200%	3.0%	1.4%		
In-house services Europe	11.4	6.1	87%	<i>7</i> 7%	5.1%	3.6%		
In-house services North America	2.6	1.3	100%	90%	4.196	2.6%		
Interim professionals, recruitment &								
selection	10.2	4.9	108%	40%	8,3%	7.0%		
Corporate	-6.9	-6.7						
Total EBITA	93.6	68.4	37%	33%	4.7%	4.3%		
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Organic growth is measured excluding the impact of currency effects, acquisitions and transfers between segments. EEFTA: operating profit before amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill.

# Information by segment (unaudited)

,	Six months ended June 30						
In millions €	2008	2005	% change 2006/2005	% organic * growth	in % of revenue 2006	in % of revenue 2005	
Revenue							
Mass-customized Europe and Asia	2,511.7	2,025.5	24%	21%			
Mass-customized North America ***	523.5	461.9	13%	12%			
In-house services Europe	415.5	314.4	32%	26%			
In-house services North America *** Interim professionals, recruitment &	117.6	90.4	30%	7%			
selection	245.6	132.9	85%	39%			
Eliminations	-12.2	-10.3	4				
Total revenue	3,801.7	3,014.8	26%	21%			
Gross profit							
Mass-customized Europe and Asia	543.8	449.6	21%	17%	21.7%	22.2%	
Mass-customized North America ***	102.3	92.0	11%	12%	19.5%	19.9%	
In-house services Europe	59.3	45.2	31%	27%	14.396	14.4%	
In-house services North America *** Interim professionals, recruitment &	13.7	10.3	33%	9%	11.6%	11.4%	
selection	71.6	35.7	101%	43%	29.2%	26,9%	
Eliminations	-0.8	40.3	*				
Total gross profit	789.9	632.5	25%	18%	20.8%	21.0%	
EBITA **							
Mass-customized Europe and Asia	111 <i>A</i>	94.3	18%	19%	4.4%	4.7%	
Mass-customized North America ***	14.2	4.4	223%	315%	2.7%	1.096	
In-house services Europe	19.0	9.1	109%	101%	4.6%	2.9%	
In-house services North America ***	3.8	2.2	73%	44%	3.2%	2.4%	
Interim professionals, recruitment &			,				
selection	21.7	6.3	244%	156%	8.8%	4.7%	
Corporate	-12.8	-11.8					
Total EBITA	157.3	104.5	51%	47%	4.196	3.5%	

Organic growth is measured excluding the impact of currency effects, acquisitions and transfers between segments.

\*\* EBITA: operating profit before amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill.

Due to streamlining of processes, the amount of transfers in Q1, 2006 from mass-customized to in-house services

North America has retroactively been changed in Q2, 2006. This change has no impact on the total figures for North America in Q1, Q2 and Q2, 2006.

Information	by	geography
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•	Three months ended June 30						
In millions €	2006	2005	% change 2006/2005	% organic * growth	in % of revenue 2006	in % of revenue 2005	
Revenue							
Netherlands	696.8	586.5	19%	19%			
Germany	304.4	187.5	62%	36%			
Belgium/Luxembourg	218.0	192.0	14%	13%			
France	130.5	117.3	1196	1196			
Spain	121.9	102.8	19%	19%			
United Kingdom	56.6	42.8	32%	4%			
Italy	64.8	46.0	41%	41%			
Other European counties	53.3	37.4	43%	42%			
North America	325.9	293.1	11%	11%			
Asia	15.8						
Total revenue	1,988.0	1,605.4	24%	1996			
Gross profit							
Netherlands	163.9	146.8	12%	11%	23.5%	25.0%	
Germany	76.5	47.5	61%	34%	25.1%	25.3%	
Belgium/Luxembourg	41.4	36.2	14%	11%	19.0%	18.9%	
France	18.8	16.1	1796	17%	14.4%	13.7%	
Spain	19.7	16.7	18%	18%	16.2%	16.2%	
United Kingdom	12.1	7.8	55%	-1%	21.4%	18.2%	
litaly	11.1	8.7	28%	28%	17.1%	18.9%	
Other European countries	9.4	7.5	25%	27%	17.6%	20.1%	
North America	58.5	S4.8	7%	11%	18.0%	18.7%	
Asia	1.4	-			<u> </u>	<u>:</u>	
Total	412.8	342.1	21%	16%	20.8%	21.3%	

# Information by geography (unaudited)

	Six months ended June 30						
In millions €	2006	2005	% change 2006/2005	% organic * growth	in % of revenue 2006	in % of revenue 2005	
Revenue							
Netherlands	1,352.7	1,107.2	22%	22%			
Germany	562.8	342.0	65%	38%			
Belgium/Luxembourg	419.5	365.6	15%	14%			
France	245.0	213.1	15%	15%			
Spain	232.3	193. <del>9</del>	20%	20%			
United Kingdom	113.5	84.6	34%	4%			
Italy	120.3	86.9	38%	38%			
Other European counties	98.4	69.2	42%	4196			
North America	641.1	552.3	16%	11%			
Asia	16.1						
Total revenue	3,801.7	3,014.8	26%	21%			
Gross profit							
Netherlands	318.5	272.9	17%	16%	23.5%	24.6%	
Germany	137.8	83.5	65%	37%	24.5%	24.4%	
Betgium/Luxembourg	80.2	68.7	17%	14%	19.1%	18.8%	
France	35.2	29.4	20%	20%	14.4%	13.8%	
Spain	37.4	31.2	20%	20%	16.1%	16.1%	
United Kingdom	24.9	15.4	62%	0%	21.9%	18.2%	
Italy	20.3	16.0	27%	27%	16.9%	18.4%	
Other European countries	17.9	13.1	37%	36%	18.2%	18.9%	
North America	116.0	102.3	13%	11%	18.1%	18.5%	
Asia	1.7						
Total	789.9	632.5	25%	18%	20.8%	21.0%	

<sup>\*</sup> Organic growth is measured excluding the impact of currency effects, acquisitions and transfers between segments.

# Consolidated balance sheet (unaudited)

In millions €	June 30, 2006	June 30, 2005	December 31, 2005
Property, plant and equipment	108.2	85.7	99.3
Intangitée assets	259.4	84.2	111.3
Deferred income tax assets	350.7	355.2	339.7
Financial receivables	5.2	4.7	4.9
Non-current assets	723.5	529.8	555.2
Trade and other receivables	1,385.2	1,169.1	1,289.3
Income tax receivables	9.4	9.0	3.2
Cash and cash equivalents	384.3	<u> 278.4</u>	453.8
Current assets	1,778.9	1,456.5	1,746.3
Total assets	2,502.4	1,986.3	2,301.5
Equity and liabilities			
Issued capital	11.6	11.6	11.6
Share premium	389.9	384.7	384.7
Reserves	149.8	-28.0	139.9
Shareholders' equity	551.3	368.3	536.2
Minority Interest	1.3		
Group equity	552.6	368.3	536.2
Preferred shares	165.8	165.8	165.8
Borrowings	190.1	130.4	130.5
Deferred income tax ilabilities	355.6	372.7	357.4
Provisions	<u>35.2</u> _	37.5	34.6
Non-current liabilities	746.7	706.4	688.3
Trade and other payables	965.9	770.8	899.0
Income tax liabilities	38.7	3.3	27.9
Borrowings	163.4	88.6	117.3
Provisions	35.1	48.9	32.8
Current liabilities	1.203.1	911.6	1,077.0
Total equity and flabilities	2,502.4	1,986.3	2,301.5

Consolidated	cash	flow	statement
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(unautated)	Three months		Six months ended June 30		
In millions €	2006	2005	2006	2005	
Net income	72.2	54.1	120.3	81.8	
Taxes on income	16.4	11.0	27.3	16.7	
Net finance costs	2.3	2.6	43	4.6	
Operating profit	90.9	67.7	151.9	103.1	
Depreciation property, plant and equipment	8.3	6.8	15.8	13.4	
Amortization software	3.1	2.9	6.3	5.8	
Amortization other intangible assets	2.7	0.7	5.4	1.4	
Share-based payments Provisions	1.1 -2.1	2.5 -3.3	2.1 -3.4	3.0 •2.8	
Income taxes paid	-33.5	-10.2	-45.9	-11.5	
Cash flow from operations before operating working capital	70.5	67.1	132.2	112.4	
Trade and other receivables	-75.2	-98.7	-67.4	-81.7	
Trade and other payables	<u>-57.4</u>	5.3	3.6	-2.5	
Operating working capital	-132.6	-93.4	-63.8	<u> -84.2</u>	
Net cash flow from operating activities	-62.1	-26.3	68.4	28.2	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	-14.6	-12.5	-23.9	-19.0	
Purchases of software	-1.1	-3.7	-3.1	-7.6	
Acquisition of subsidiaries	-8.6	<b>∗2.2</b>	-124.3	-2.2	
Financial receivables	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.3	
Disposal of property, plant and equipment Disposal of subsidiaries	<u> </u>	· <u>*</u> _	1.0 1.0	<u> </u>	
Net cash flow from investing activities	-23.5	-18.1	-149.5	<u>-28.5</u>	
Free cash flow	-85.6	-44,4	-81.1	-0.3	
Re-issue of purchased ordinary shares	_	_	1.0	0.8	
Issue of ordinary shares	1.3	•	1.3	0.5	
Proceeds from non-current borrowings		-	59.7		
Financing	1.3		62.0	0.8	
Financial income and expenses received / (paid)	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.5	
Dividend paid on ordinary shares	-90.7	-76.2	-90.7	76.2	
Dividend paid on preferred shares 8	-8.4	-8.6	-8.4	-8.6	
Reimbursement to financiers	-98.9	-84.9	<u>-98.7</u>	-84.3	
Net cash flow from financing activities	-97.6	-84.9	-36.7	<b>-83.</b> 5	
Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents and current borrowings	-183.2	-129.3	-117.8	-83.8	
Cash, cash equivalents and current borrowings at begin of period	402.9	322.7	336.5	279.4	
Net decrease in cash, cash equivalents and current borrowings	-183.2	-129.3	-117.8	-83.8	
Translation gains / (losses)	1.2	•129.3 •3.6	2.2	•5.8	
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Cash, cash equivalents and current borrowings at end of period	220.9	189.8	220.9	189.8	
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## Consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity

in millions €	2006	2005
Value at April 1	579.B	375.3
Net income for the period Translation differences	72.2 -12.4	54.1 12.6
Total recognized income	59.8	66.7
Dividend paid on ordinary shares Share-based payments Issue of ordinary shares	-90.7 1.1 1.3	-76.2 2.5
Value at June 30	551.3	368.3
to millions €	2006	2005
Value at January 1	536.2	338.8
Movements in the period:		
Net income for the period Translation differences	120.3 -18.9	81.8 20.1
Total recognized income	101.4	101.9
Dividend paid on ordinary shares Share-based payments Issue of ordinary shares Re-issue of purchased ordinary shares	-90.7 2.1 1.3 1.0	-76.2 3.0 0.8
Value at June 30	551.3	368.3

Accounting policies
In these quarterly financial statements we have applied the accounting policies as included in our annual report 2005. IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' has not been applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

#### Key ratios

(unaudited) În millions €

Balance sheet	June 30, 2006	June 30, 2005	
According with a solder	44.4		
Operating working capital *	422.9	402.6	
Borrowings (excluding preferred shares)	353.5	219.0	
Net cash (excluding preferred shares)	30.8	59.4	

<sup>\*</sup> Operating working capital is defined as trade and other receivables minus trade and other payables plus dividend payable preferred shares.

Split up operating expenses (unaudited)	Three months June 3		Six months ended June 30	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Personnel expenses	221.4	186.8	436.5	361.9
Depreciation property, plant and equipment	8.3	6.8	15.8	13.4
Amortization software	3.1	2.9	6.3	5.8
Amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill	2.7	0.7	5.4	1.4
Other operating expenses	85.4	77.2	174.0	146.9
Total operating expenses	321.9	274,4	638.0	529.4

<b>EPS</b>	calculation
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Net income for ordinary shareholders	72.2	, 54.1	120.3	81.8
Amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill (after taxes)	1.8	0.5	3.5	1.0
Net income before amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill	74.0	· 54.6	123.8	82.8
Basic EPS	0.62	0.47	1.04	0.71
Dituted EPS	0.62	0.47	1.03	0.71
Diluted EPS before amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill	0.64	0.47	1.07	0.71
Average number of ordinary shares outstanding (min) Average diluted number of ordinary shares outstanding (min)	115.7 116.4	115.4 115.9	115.6 116.3	115.4 115.9

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#### Randstad acquires HR Services division from Getronics

Randstad Holding nv announces that it has reached agreement with Getronics about its intention to take over their HR Services division (PinkRoccade HR Services). Both parties have signed a letter of intent to that effect on August 16, 2006.

In line with its strategy Randstad has seen relevant growth in its HR solutions business, which provides clients with services in the field of HR consulting, assessment services, outplacement services, and personnel and salary administration. This acquisition supports further growth in this important segment of the HR services market.

The transaction involves employees (approximately 200), technology, know-how and the client contract base. The revenue of this division in 2006 is expected to amount to approximately € 32 million. The intended purchase price is € 65 million. The deal is projected to be closed in Q4 2006, and it is expected to have no material effect on Randstad's earnings per share for 2006 (eps before amortization other intangibles).

PinkRoccade HR Services is already a large player in the Dutch market for salary administration and processing services. With the acquisition by Randstad it has the potential to obtain a leading position in this market. This can be reached through volume growth and further product development. To realize this, Randstad expects to invest  $\in$  10 to  $\in$  15 million to further develop and integrate this division.

"This deal strengthens our market position in HR services, specifically in personnel and salary administration services. It is a great addition to our range of HR services. With our new colleagues, we trust we can keep growing this business further, making it a corner stone of our HR solutions portfolio," says Jacques van den Broek, member of the executive board of Randstad Holding.

'We are pleased to have found a solid partner with an excellent market standing in Randstad Holding,' stated Klaas Wagenaar, CEO of Getronics. 'Following this, we will continue to build a strong go-to-market relationship with our new strategic partner.' The works councils of both parties will be involved in the process, and the transaction is still subject to the decision from the Dutch competition authority that a license is not required.

#### **About Getronics**

With some 25,000 employees in 30 countries and approximate revenues of €2.6 billion, Getronics is one of the world's leading providers of vendor independent Information and Communication Technology (ICT) solutions and services. Getronics designs, builds, deploys and manages flexible and innovative end-to-end solutions, working together with our partners and clients, in order to optimize and increase the productivity of our clients' mobile knowledge workers. Getronics headquarters are in Amsterdam, with regional offices in Boston, Madrid and Singapore. Getronics' shares are traded on Euronext Amsterdam ('GTN'). For further information about Getronics, visit www.getronics.com.

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#### Randstad completes purchase HR Services division Getronics

Randstad Holding nv has completed its purchase of the HR Services division from Getronics as announced on August 17, 2006. The Dutch competition authority, which still had to agree to the acquisition, has given its approval.

In line with its strategy Randstac has seen relevant growth in its HR solutions business. This purchase supports further growth in this important segment of the HR services market.

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#### Record quarter; revenue up 21% and net income up 42%

Highlights third quarter 2006

- Diluted EPS\* up by 42% to € 0.92 from € 0.65
- Group organic revenue\*\* growth remained strong and reached 18%
   EBITA\*\*\* up 45% to € 134.7 million, with an EBITA margin of 6.2% compared to 5.2% in Q3 2005
- Ongoing outperformance in key market Germany; 71% growth of which 44% organic
- Ongoing outperformance in North America; 8% organic growth and EBITA margin more than doubled
- Focus on profitability led to an improved gross margin of 24.2% in The Netherlands versus 23.5% in the last quarter

#### Outlook fourth quarter 2006

Diluted EPS, excluding one-off positive tax effects, is expected to amount to at least € 0.90.

"Today, we can report the best quarterly results in the history of our company" says Ben Noteboom, CEO Randstad Holding. "We now expect to reach our main strategic target for 2007, an EBITA margin of 5-6%, by 2006 already. In the past quarter we experienced again strong organic growth. We were able to further optimize our productivity, also in the Netherlands. In Germany, we had another quarter with excellent growth. We are expanding by entering new geographic areas, by adding specialties, and by extending the range of services we can deliver to our clients. The addition of PinkRoccade HR Services to our HR Solutions business is a good example. We have again been able to increase our client list, and we will keep investing further to enable our future growth."

In E million	Q3 2006	Q3 2005	change	Ytd 2006	Ytd 2005	change
Revenue	2,169.0	1,787.1	21%	5,959.5	4,801.9	24%
EBITA	134.7	93.2	45%	292.0	197.7	4896
Net income	105.5	74.5	42%	225.8	156.3	41%
Diluted EPS (in €)	0.92	0.65	42%	1.99	- 1.36	4696

- definitions diluted EPS before amortization of other intangible assets and impairment goodwill
- organic change is measured excluding the impact of currency effects, acquisitions and transfers between segments
- \*\*\* EBITA: operating profit before amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill

#### Summary of Group financial performance in Q3

#### Revenue

Revenue totaled € 2,169.0 million in Q3 2006, up by 21% compared to € 1,787.1 million in Q3 2005. The underlying organic growth was solid at 18%. On average Q3 2006 had 1 working day less than Q3 2005 and corrected for this both total revenue growth and organic revenue growth were approximately 2% higher. We came out at or above market growth in the vast majority of markets where we operate. Acquisitions added 4% to the growth and the currency effect was minus 1%. In Germany revenue increased by 71%, further strengthening our leading position. Organic growth in Germany amounted to 44%. In The Netherlands organic revenue growth was in line with the market at 16% (or 18% when corrected for working day effects). As communicated in July, we prioritize profitability, through focus on gross margin and cost control, rather than market share. Our North American business delivered 8% organic growth and was well ahead of the markets. We observe that at group level growth rates improved in September when compared to August.

#### Gross profit

In Q3 2006 the gross margin improved to 21.1% compared to 20.9% in Q3 2005. In the Netherlands we made good progress. The Dutch gross margin increased sequentially from 23.5% to 24.2% and was only fractionally below the 24.3% reached in Q3 2005. The effects from our recent initiatives become clearly visible. In Germany the gross margin was stable at 25.4%. We realized gross margin increases in Belgium and France and in selected smaller markets such as Denmark, Poland and Portugal. At group level normalized gross profit per average FTE, a key metric in steering our business, increased by 7%.

In 6 million	Q3 2006	Q3 2005	change	Ytd 2006	Ytd 2005	change
Revenue	2,169.0	1,787.1	21%	5,959.5	4,801.9	24%
Organic change			18%			20%
Gross profit	457.7	374.3	22%	1,247.1	1,006.8	24%
Operating expenses	323.0	281.1	15%	955.1	809.1	1896
EBITA	134.7	93.2	45%	292.0	197. <i>7</i>	48%
Amortization other intangibles and						
impairment goodwill	2.6	8.0	!	0.8	2.2	
Operating profit	132.1	92.4	4396	284.0	195.5	45%
Net income	105.5	74.5	42%	225.8	156.3	44%
Diluted EPS (in €)	0.92	0.65	42%	1.99	1.36	<del>46</del> %
Gross margin	21.196	20,9%		20.9%	21.0%	
Operating expenses as 96 revenue	14.996	15,7%		16.0%	16,9%	
EBITA margin	6.2%	5.2%		4.996	4.196	

#### Operating expenses

In the prevailing healthy business climate we kept investing to capture future growth. Capacity was expanded which is visible in 227 extra outlets (+105 organic) and 2,050 additional FTEs (+1,130 organic) compared to Q3 2005. This implies that the number of outlets and employees is respectively 9% (+5% organic) and 15% (+8% organic) higher than a year ago. Operating expenses excluding amortization goodwill and other intangibles grew by 15%. The organic increase in operating expenses was 10%. The expenses in Q3 2006 contained one-off charges of approximately € 4 million. Operating expenses as a percentage of revenue came down from 15.7% in Q3 2005 to 14.9% in Q3 2006. This productivity improvement is based, amongst other factors, on more efficient use of our branches.

#### **EBITA**

In the third quarter of 2006 EBITA increased by 45% to € 134.7 million compared to € 93.2 million in Q3 2005. On an organic basis EBITA increased by 40%. The EBITA margin improved from 5.2% % to 6.2%.

#### Net income

Net income amounted to € 105.5 million, an improvement of 42% compared to Q3 2005. Net finance costs, including dividend on preferred shares, amounted to € 2.7 million. Like in the past 2 quarters, the effective tax rate was 18.5% (Q3 2005 17%).

#### Cash flow and balance sheet

In Q3 2006 the free cash flow amounted to € 129.3 million, versus € 76.9 million in Q3 2005. Capital expenditure was € 11.5 million. The moving average of days sales outstanding (DSO) improved to 52 in Q3 2006 from 53 in Q3 2005. Main contributors to this improvement were Italy and Yacht NL. The net cash position excluding preferred shares was € 134.0 million at the end of the quarter versus € 137.6 million at the end of Q3 2005.

#### Third quarter by segment

Mass-customized Europe and Asia: strong top-line growth and improving profitability
The organic revenue growth amounted to 18%. Including acquisitions and transfers to in-house total growth
amounted to 21%. We maintained high growth levels in The Netherlands and Germany and saw some
acceleration in Spain and Scandinavia. The gross margin increased from 22.0% in Q3 2005 to 22.2% in Q3
2006. We experienced some positive effects from the measures we took in our Dutch business and also
benefited from positive mix shifts, such as the high growth in Germany. The EBITA margin reached a healthy
7.0% compared to 6.5% in Q3 2005.

# Mass-customized and in-house services North America: solid improvement in profitability Our North American businesses outperformed the market with organic growth of 8%. The sale of PL Services had a negative impact on the gross margin of 0.9%, as in the last quarter. In our mass-customized business we experienced solid productivity gains as we generated higher volume with less people. Profitability of inhouse services also dearly improved. Not only did we gain new clients but also more business at existing clients. This stimulates productivity. Canada delivered another very strong performance. The EBITA margin for our combined North American businesses more than doubled from 1.6% to 3.5%..

#### In-house services Europe: 33% revenue growth and 85% growth in EBITA

Organic revenue growth of 31% was realized in Q3 2006. The gross margin improved from 13.7% to 14.1% while the EBITA margin reached 6.0% compared to 4.3% in Q3 2005. Growth was well spread across our different geographies. We had strong contributions from countries such as Germany, Belgium, Italy, Spain and the UK. Another example of the success of the concept is Poland. We introduced this concept at the end of last year and now operate from 7 locations.

#### Interim professionals, search & selection: continued strong growth

Organic revenue growth of interim professionals, search & selection was 35% in Q3 2006. Including acquisitions, revenue increased by 82% to € 129.5 million. We continue to see strong growth in IT, Finance and Engineering but also in other competences such as Legal and Marketing & Communications. The gross margin increased from 28.7% to 29.0%. The gross margin was negatively impacted by the fact that there was 1 working day less (which especially effects our Dutch and German businesses) and by lower margins on freelancers. This was outweighed by positive effects from growth in higher segments, more recruitment fees (including contributions from our acquisitions in the UK and India), pricing and reduced idle time. The EBITA margin was stable at 8.6%. Scarcity is a topic in areas like IT, Finance and Engineering but also provides opportunities. With targeted campaigns, which include personal development plans at Yacht NL, we successfully recruited Finance and IT specialists in order to meet strong demand and to enable further growth.

#### Other\_developments

In October 2006 we completed the purchase of PinkRoccade HR Services. This purchase clearly strengthens our Dutch HR Solutions offering. PinkRoccade HR Services is among the leading players in HR administration and payroll processing in The Netherlands.

In September we started a greenfield operation in Tokyo, Japan. With a team of 10 consultants we are targeting the market for finance professionals. We intend to expand our presence over time.

We have reclassified our stake in Talent Shanghai, which was acquired in May 2006, from group companies to (non-consolidated) associates. Adjustments to the Q2 2006 statements are marginal; revenues minus € 11.2 million and no impact on Group profit.

We expect that the decision of the Dutch Government to reduce the corporate income tax rate to 25.5% as per January 1, 2007, will be ratified in Q4 2006. This will lead to an immediate release from our deferred tax liabilities of about € 35 million and a similar positive cash impact in the future. In Spain the corporate tax rate will most likely be reduced from 35% to 30% in 2 steps, with the first step on January 1, 2007. These reductions may lead to a non-cash charge of € 6 million in Q4 2006. Plans from the German government to reduce the corporate tax rate still seem to be in the early stages.

#### Outlook Q4 2006

Given current market trends we expect diluted EPS before amortization other intangibles and impairment goodwill (and before the positive balance of tax one-offs) to amount to at least € 0.90, an increase of at least 29% versus a comparable figure of € 0.70 in Q4 2005. The fourth quarter of 2006 will have on average 1 working day less than Q4 2005. We anticipate hitting our 5-6% EBITA target, originally set for the year 2007, one year early.

#### Financial calendar 2006-2007

Analyst days	November 22/23, 2006
Publication fourth quarter and full year results 2006	February 15, 2007
Publication first quarter results 2007	April 25, 2007
General Meeting of Shareholders	May 8, 2007
Publication second quarter results 2007	July 25, 2007

#### Conference call

Today, at 14.00 CET, Randstad Holding will host a conference call for analysts. The dial in number is +31 (0) 20 712 13 04 and for participants from the UK +44 (20) 7138 0816. You can listen to the conference through real time audio webcast. A replay of the presentation and the Q & A will also be available on our website as of today 18.00 CET. The link is:

http://www.randstad.com/holding/investor-relations/presentations.xml

Certain statements in this document concern prognoses about the future financial condition and the results of operations of Randstad Holding as well as certain plans and objectives. Obviously, such prognoses involve risks and a degree of uncertainty since they concern future events and depend on circumstances that will apply then. Many factors may contribute to the actual results and developments differing from the prognoses made in this document. These factors include general economic conditions, a shortage on the job market, changes in the demand for (flexible) personnel, changes in employment legislation, future currency and interest fluctuations, future takeovers, acquisitions and disposals and the rate of technological developments. These prognoses therefore apply only on the date on which the document was compiled.

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Consolidated	income	statement
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(unaudited)						
_		months end Stember 30	ded 		months end ptember 30	
In millions €	2006	2005	Change 2006/2005	2006	2005	Change 2006/2005
Revenue	2,169.0	1,787.1	21 <del>96</del>	5,959.5	4,801.9	24%
Cost of services	1,711.3	1,412.8	21%	4,712.4	3,795.1	24%
Gross profit	457.7	374.3	2296	1,247.1	1,006.8	24%
Selling expenses	225.4	197.6		669.5	565.5	
General and administrative expenses	100.2	84.3		293.5	245.8	
Total operating expenses	325.6	281.9	1696	963.1	811.3	1996
Operating profit	132.1	92.4	43%	284.0	195.5	45%
Dividend preferred shares	-1.8	-2.2		-54	-6.5	
Financial income and expenses	-0.9	-0.4 -2.6	_	-1.5	-0.7 -7.2	
Net finance costs	-2.7	-2.6		-7.0	-7.2	
Income before taxes	129.4	89.8	<del>-</del>	277.0	188.3	
Taxes on income	-23.9	-15.3	_	-51 <i>.</i> 2	-32.0	
Net income	105.5	74.5	42%	225.8	156.3	44%
Earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of Randstad Holding nv (expressed in @ per ordinary share):						
- Basic earnings per ordinary share	0.91	0.65		1.95	1,36	
- Diluted earnings per ordinary share	0.91	0.64		1.94	1.35	
<ul> <li>Diluted earnings per ordinary share before amortization other intangble assets and impairment goodwill</li> </ul>	0.92	0.65		1.99	1.36	
Margins						
Gross margin	21.1%	20.9%	1	20.9%	21.096	
EBITDA margin	6.8%	5.8%		5.5%	4.796	
EBITA margin	6.296	5.2%		4.9%	4.196	
Operating margin	6.196	5,2%		4.896	4.196	
Net margin	4.9%	4,296		3.8%	3.396	

Information by segment (unaudited)

_	Three months ended September 30							
In millions &	2006	2005	Change 2006/2005	Organic change *	Margins 2006	Margins 2005		
Revenue								
Mass-oustomized Europe and Asia	1,461.9	1,212.8	2196	18%				
Mass-customized North America	251.6	258.6	-3%	696				
In-house services Europe	269.8	202 <i>.7</i>	3396	31%				
In-house services North America	64.5	47.5	3696	1896				
Interim professionals, search & selection	129.5	71.2	82%	35%				
Eliminations	-8.3	-5.7						
Total revenue	2,169.0	1,787.1	21%	1896				
Gross profit								
Mass-oustomized Europe and Asia	325.2	266.6	2296	1896	22.2%	22,096		
Mass-customized North America	49.5	54.1	-996	396	19.7%	20,996		
In-house services Europe	38.0	27.7	37%	35%	14.196	13.796		
In-house services North America	7.6	5.8	31%	1296	11.896	12.2%		
Interim professionals, search & selection	37.5	20.4	84%	31%	29.0%	28.7%		
Eliminations	-0.1	-0.3						
Total gross profit	457.7	374.3	22%	18%	21.196	20.9%		
EBITA**								
Mass-customized Europe and Asia	101.7	79.2	2896	24%	7.096	6,5%		
Mass-oustomized North America	8.5	3.4	150%	27696	3.4%	1.3%		
In-house services Europe	16.1	8.7	85%	83%	6.0%	4.3%		
In-house services North America	2.7	1.5	8096	53%	4.296	3.2%		
Interim professionals, search & selection	11.1	6.1	8296	50%	8.6%	8.696		
Corporate	-5 <i>A</i>	-5.7						
Total EBITA	134.7	93.2	45%	40%	6.2%	5.296		

<sup>\*</sup> Organic change is measured excluding the impact of currency effects, acquisitions and transfers between segments.
\*\*\* EBITA: operating profit before amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill.

#### Information by segment (unaudited)

_	Nine months ended September 30						
In millions €	2006	2005	Change 2006/2005	Organic change *	Margins 2006	Margins 2005	
Revenue							
Mass-oustomized Europe and Asia	3,952.4	3,238.3	22%	20%			
Mass-customized North America	775.1	720.5	8 <del>96</del>	10 <del>96</del>			
In-house services Europe	685.3	517.1	33 <del>96</del>	29%			
In-house services North America	182.1	137.9	, 32%	1196			
Interim professionals, search & selection	375.1	204.1	8496	37%			
Eliminations	-20.5	-16.0					
Total revenue	5,959.5	4,801.9	2496	20%			
Gross profit							
Mass-oustomized Europe and Asia	868.5	716.2	2196	1796	21.996	22,196	
Mass-oustomized North America	151.8	146.1	496	996	19.6%	20.3%	
In-house services Europe	97.3	72.9	33%	30%	14.296	14.1%	
In-house services North America	21.3	16.1	32%	10%	11.796	11.7%	
Interim professionals, search & selection	109.1	56.1	94%	39%	29.196	27.5%	
Eliminations	-0.9	-0.6					
Total gross profit	1,247.1	1,006.8	24%	1896	20.9%	21.0%	
EBITA**							
Mass-customized Europe and Asia	213.1	173.5	2396	2196	5.4%	5,4%	
Mass-customized North America	22.7	7.8	19196	29996	2.9%	1.1%	
In-house services Europe	35.1	17.8	9796	93%	5.196	3,4%	
In-house services North America	6.5	3.7	7696	4896	3.696	2.7%	
Interim professionals, search & selection	32.8	12.4	16596	104%	8.7%	6.196	
Corporate	-18.2	-17.5					
Total EBITA	292.0	197.7	4896	43%	4.9%	4.1%	

<sup>\*</sup> Organic change is measured excluding the impact of currency effects, acquisitions and transfers between segments.
\*\* EBITA: operating profit before amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill.

### Information by geographical area (unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30						
In millions €	2006	2005	Change 2006/2005	Organic change *	Margins 2006	Margins 2005	
Revenue			'				
Netherlands	763.3	662.0	15%	16 <del>96</del>			
Germany	373.9	219.1	7196	44%			
Belgium/Luxembourg	249.6	218.8	14%	14 <del>96</del>			
France	141 <i>.</i> 4	131.2	8%	896			
Spain	131.8	110.9	1996	1996			
United Kingdom	65.2	48.4	37%	10%			
Italy	61.0	45.9	3396	33%			
Other European counties	60.7	44.7	36 <b>%</b>	36%			
North America	316.1	306.1	396	896			
Asia	5.0	•	1				
Total revenue	2,169.0	1,787.1	21%	1896			
Gross profit							
Netherlands	184.5	161.1	15%	14%	24.296	24,3%	
Germany	94.8	55.7	70%	42%	25.4%	25,496	
Belgium/Luxembourg	43.7	36.0	, 2196	18%	17.596	16.496	
France	20.1	18.1	11%	11%	14.296	13.8%	
Spain	21.0	18.4	. 1496	14%	15.9%	16.696	
United Kingdom	14.1	8.9	58 <del>9</del> 6	5%	21.3%	18.496	
Italy	10.0	7.7	30%	30%	16.496	16.7 <del>96</del>	
Other European countries	11.5	8.5	35%	35%	18,996	19.1%	
North America	57.1	59.9	-5%	4%	18.196	19,6%	
Asia	<u> </u>	<del>-</del>			18,0%		
Total	457.7	374.3	22%	1896	21.196	20.9%	

#### Information by geographical area

(unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30						
In millions €	2006	2005	Change 2006/2005	Organic change *_	Margins 2006	Margins 2005	
Revenue							
Netherlands	2,116.0	1,769.2	20%	20%		•	
Germany	936.7	561.1	6796	41%			
Belgium/Luxembourg	669.1	584.4	14%	14%			
France	386.A	344.3	12%	1296			
Spain	364.1	304.8	1996	1996			
United Kingdom	179.7	133.0	35%	696			
Italy "	181.3	132.8	37%	37%			
Other European counties	159.1	113.9	40%	39%			
North America	957.2	858.4	1296	1096			
Asia	9.9	-					
Total revenue	5,959.5	4,801.9	24%	20%			
Gross profit							
Netherlands	503.0	434.0	16%	15%	23.896	24.5%	
Germany	232.6	139.2	6796	39%	24.896	24.896	
Belgium/Luxembourg	123.9	104.7	18%	15%	18.5%	17.9%	
France	55.3	47.5	1696	16 <del>9</del> 6	14.396	13.8%	
Spain	58 <i>A</i>	49.6	18%	18%	16.096	16.3 <del>9</del> 6	
United Kingdom	39.0	24.3	60%	196	21.796	18.396	
Italy	30.3	23 <i>.7</i>	28%	28 <del>96</del>	16.796	17.896	
Other European countries	29.4	21.6	36%	35%	18.5%	19.0%	
North America	173.1	162.2	7%	9%	18.196	18.996	
Asia	2.1	•			21.296	-	
Total	1,247.1	1,006.8	24%	18%	20.996	21.0%	

<sup>\*</sup> Organic change is measured excluding the impact of currency effects, acquisitions and transfers between segments.

# Consolidated balance sheet (unaudited)

In millions €	September 30 2006	September 30 2005	December 31, 2005
Property, plant and equipment	3.011	90.4	99.3
Intangble assets	252.8	82.2	111.3
Deferred income tax assets	350.0	337.9	339.7
Financial receivables	12.8	4.7	4.9
Non-current assets	726.2	515.2	555.2
Trade and other receivables	1,476.5	1,266.8	1,289.3
Income tax receivables	4.4	8.9	3.2
Cash and cash equivalents	384.9	392.7	453.8
Current assets	1,865.9	1,668.4	1,746.3
Total assets	2,592.1	2,183.6	2,301.5
Equity and liabilities			
Issued capital	11.6	11.6	11.6
Share premium	393.2	384 <i>.7</i>	384.7
Reserves	255.6	49.6	139.9
Shareholders' equity	660.4	445.9	536.2
Preferred shares	165.8	165.8	165.8
Borrowings	190.1	130.5	130.5
Deferred income tax liabilities	343.5	373.0	357.4
Provisions :	40 <i>A</i>	38.3	34.6
Non-current liabilities	739.8	707.6	688.3
Trade and other payables	1,049.0	852.6	,899.0
Income tax liabilities	45.3	4.7	27.9
Borrowings	60.8	124.6	117.3
Provisions	36.8	48.2	32.8
Current liabilities	1,191.9	1,030.1	1,077.0
Total equity and liabilities	2,592.1	2,183.6	2,301.5

Consolidated	cash flow	statement
(up audited)		

(unaudited)		•			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30		
In millions €	2006	2005	2006	2005	
Net income	105.5	74.5	225.8	156.3	
Taxes on income	23.9	15.3	51.2	32.0	
Net finance costs	2.7	2.6	7.0	7.2	
Operating profit	132.1	92.4	284.0	195.5	
Depreciation property, plant and equipment	8.2	6.7	24.0	20.1	
Amortization software	4.9	2.9	11.2	8.7	
Amortization other intangible assets	2.6	0.8	0.8	2.2	
Share-based payments	1.2	1.3	3.3	4.3	
Provisions	2.9	1.0	-0.5	-1.8	
Income taxes (paid) / received	<u>·25.8</u>	3.6	<u>-71.7</u>	-7.9	
Cash flow from operations before operating working capital	126.1	108.7	258.3	221.1	
Trade and other receivables	-87.6	-97.2	-157 <i>A</i>	-178.9	
Trade and other payables	102.7	79.0	104.2	76.5	
Operating working capital	15.1	-18.2	<u>-53.2</u>	-102.4	
Net cash flow from operating activities	141.2	90.5	205.1	118.7	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	-10.6	-14.0	-34.5	-33.0	
Purchases of software	-0.9	-2.5	-4.0	-10.1	
Acquisition of subsidiaries and associates	-22.0	-	-146.3	-2.2	
Financial receivables	-0.9	0.2	-1.1	0.5	
Disposals of property, plant and equipment	0.5	2.7	1.5	2.7	
Disposal of subsidiaries	- :		1.0		
	22.0	45.6	400.4	43.4	
Net cash flow from investing activities	-33.9	-13.6	-183.4	-42.1	
Re-issue of purchased ordinary shares	-	1.4	1.0	2.2	
Issue of ordinary shares	0.1	-	14	-	
Proceeds/(repayments) from non-current borrowings	-0.1	<u> </u>	<u>59.6</u>	<u>-</u>	
Financing	-	1.4	62.0	2.2	
Financial income and expenses (paid) / received Dividend paid on ordinary shares	-0.3	-0.1	0.1 -90.7	0.4 -76.2	
Dividend paid on preferred shares B		<u>-</u> .	-90.7 -8.4	-8.6	
Reimbursement to financiers	-0.3	-0.1	-99.0	-84.4	
Net cash flow from financing activities	-0.3	1.3	-37.0	-82.2	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and current borrowings	107.0	78.2	-15.3	-5.6	
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Cash, cash equivalents and current borrowings at begin of period	216 <i>A</i>	189.8	336.5	279.4	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and					
current borrowings Translation gains /(losses)	107.0 0.7	78.2 0.1	-153 2.9	-5.6 -5.7	
Cash, cash equivalents and current borrowings at					
end of period	324.1	268,1	324.1	268.1	
Euro anal Curr	100.0	3C A	167.0	70.0	
Free cash flow	129.3	76.9	167.0	78.8	

Consolidated statement	of changes	in shareholders'	equity
(unaudited)			

(unaudited)		
In millions €	2006	2005
Value at July I	551.3	368.3
Movements in the period:		
Net income for the period Translation differences	105.5 2.3	74.5 0.4
Total recognized income	107.8	74.9
Share-based payments Re-issue of purchased ordinary shares Issue of ordinary shares	0.1	, 1.3 1.4
Value at September 30	<u>660.4</u>	445.9
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In millions €	2006	2005
Value at January 1	536.2	338.8
Movements in the period:		•
Net income for the period Translation differences	225.8 -16.6	156.3 20.5
Total recognized income	209.2	176.8
Dividend paid on ordinary shares Share-based payments Re-issue of purchased ordinary shares Issue of ordinary shares	-90.7 3.3 1.0 1.4	-76.2 4.3 2.2
Value at September 30	660.4	445.9

#### **Accounting policies**

In these quarterly financial statements the accounting policies as included in our annual report 2005 are applied. The following during 2006 acquired companies have been included in the YTD Q3 consolidated figures: Bindan GmbH & Co KG, Teccon GmbH & Co KG, Gamma Dienstverlening by, Galilei my and TeamHR Limited. Talent Shanghai Co. is not included as a consolidated company in the YTD Q3 figures (in Q2 this company was consolidated; Q2 figures have been adjusted for companison purposes).

Free cash flow: net cash flow from operating and investing activities excluding acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries and associates.

**Key ratios** (unaudited) In millions €

Balance sheet	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Operating working capital *	433.0	420 <i>.7</i>
Borrowings (excluding preferred thares) Net cash (excluding preferred shires)	250.9 134.0	255.1 137.6

Operating working capital is defined as trade and other receivables minus trade and other payables plus dividend payable preferred shares.

Split up total operating expenses	Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
<u>-</u>	2006	2005	2006	2005
Personnel expenses	221.1	191.9	657.3	553.8
Depreciation property, plant and equipment	8.2	6.7	24.0	20.1
Amortization software	4.9	2.9	11.2	8.7
Other operating expenses	88.8 323.0	79.6	262.6	226.5
Operating expenses  Amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill	323.U 2.6	· 281.1	955.1 8.0	809.1
Total operating expenses	325.6	281.9	963.1	2.2 811.3
EPS calculation				
Net income for ordinary shareholders	105.5	74.5	225.8	156.3
Amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill (after taxes)	1.8	0.6	5.3	1.6
Net income before amortization other intangble assets and impairment goodwill	107.3	<u>75.1</u>	231.1	157.9
Basic EPS	0.91	0.65	1.95	1.36
Diluted EPS	0.91	0.64	1.94	1.35
Diluted EPS before amortization other intangible assets and impairment goodwill	0.92	0.65	1.99	1.36
Average number of ordinary shares outstanding (mln)  Average diluted number of ordinary shares outstanding (mln)	115.8 116.4	115.5 116.0	115.7 116.4	115.4 115.9
g (mi)		22310		